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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



The undertone was mostly steady on whole product in the major terminal markets. Retail and food service demand was moderately active for midweek business. Offerings were adequate on whole product and usually clearing. However, wogs were reported as spot availability. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to good. B/S breast items were adequate to available. However, wings remain tight and moving seasonally well. Other items were usually balanced to clearing. In production areas, processing schedules were mostly normal. Live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range but generally desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 75.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 78.00 cents last year on September 15, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.00
BREASTS - B/S	156.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	126.50
LEG QUARTERS	48.50
WINGS	95.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was cautious but mostly steady on whole product. Retail and distributive movement was light to moderate for midweek business. Demand for whole product was fairly good, but interest for heavy wogs continued to be slow. Supplies were close balance to available. In the parts structure, interest remains active on wings, fairly active on dark meat items. Boneless breast interest was fair, although product was slow in clearing, other items were reported as adequate, but moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were a tad heavier, but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were in close balance to adequate. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully sufficient for current needs. Drums were at least adequate; other dark meat cuts were in close balance and clearing satisfactory. Wings were well cleared.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were ample for the limited trade call. Retail and food service movement was noted as lagging, light to fair at best. Floor stocks adequate to at times long; weights varied. Transportation issues of fuel surcharges and truck shortages were affecting distribution and trade. Offerings of boneless/skinless breasts continued to increase along with discounts to help clear; all other parts were adequate, except for wings and dark meat which were short of trade needs. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and dark meat, steady to fully steady on front halves and tenderloins, steady on leg quarters and steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady. Offerings adequate overall with heavy weights in the longest position. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks in balance with needs. The market tone was steady to firm on parts; wings in the strongest position.

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 10, 2005. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 10, 2005. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through September 10, 2005 were 6.32 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 09/10/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	208,331	202,622		+03
CHICKS PLACED	170,874	174,977		-02

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 22-Oct-05 is estimated at 156.7 million head. This compares to 158.2 million head the previous week and to 163.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.90 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	825	128.00-210.00	-	140.30
TENDERLOINS	213	145.00-188.00	147-149	149.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	124	85.00-95.00	87-89	88.05
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	636	42.00-47.00	46	45.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	900	45.00-49.00	47-48	47.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	89.00-94.00	-	91.14
WINGS (CUT)	300	108.00-114.00	109-111	110.62
DRUMSTICKS	68	54.00-72.00	-	57.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	60	125.00-140.00	-	133.33

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
52.00-57.50	54.69

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	730	120.00-155.00	131-136	134.89
TENDERLOINS	234	145.00-178.00	147-149	149.28
BREAST - LINE RUN	109	85.00-92.00	86-88	87.95
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	596	44.00-48.00	46-46.5	46.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	990	46.00-49.00	47-48	47.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	90.00-97.00	92-94	92.82
WINGS (CUT)	295	110.00-114.00	-	113.49
DRUMSTICKS	68	54.00-72.00	-	57.00
THIGHS	58	55.00-72.00	-	58.03
B/S THIGHS	80	125.00-140.00	-	133.75

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F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.00-56.50	54.71	54.61

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Drums were available; other dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Wings ranged adequate to short. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2005	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	146.75	685,920
TENDERLOINS	150	142.53	245,785
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	93.14	92,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	86.33	81,000
LEGS	64-65	65.12	192,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	47.18	352,600
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	60.45	151,910
THIGHS	61-62	62.35	102,940
B/S THIGHS	135-136	122.47	106,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	96.07	247,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	17,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.77	14,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.73	17,840

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2005	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	146.73	597,790
TENDERLOINS	150	144.51	179,110
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	93.47	64,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	86.85	95,400
LEGS	64-65	63.94	212,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	48.30	367,840
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	59.55	126,840
THIGHS	61-62	67.65	51,160
B/S THIGHS	135-136	129.91	121,340
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	97.76	205,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.27	12,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	41.01	8,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.87	17,040

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ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)								AVG
ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		WTS
(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)		
	09/14	09/13	09/12	09/09	09/12	09/09	09/07	09/05
Alabama	4,093	4,134	4,015	5,156	5.38	5.15	4,055	4.69
Arkansas	5,380	5,424	5,320	5,958	5.40	5.17	5,382	5.04
Delmarva	2,298	2,303	2,274	2,823	5.65	5.48	2,316	5.55
KY-LA-TN	2,291	2,292	2,374	3,296	5.41	5.09	2,263	4.95
Mississippi	3,069	3,177	3,608	2,753	5.94	4.98	2,665	5.44
North Car	2,487	2,538	2,476	3,367	6.54	6.64	2,438	6.24
Texas	251	2,498	2,521	2,573	5.28	5.17	2,547	4.90
Total	19,869	22,366	22,588	28,749	5.62	5.54	21,666	5.17
Mon-Wed	65,201 (A)						50,701 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Sep-05 is estimated to be 29,726,000 head down 8.57 percent from a week ago and down -3.21 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,512,000, last year 30,711,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Sep-05

	CURRENT WEEK 09/17/05 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/10/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	172,166 (2)	149,518
Light hens	1,055	1,306
Heavy hens	1,563	1,324
Total	174,784	148,493

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Sep-05 is 163.7 million head compared to 156.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.5 million head or 8.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 24-Sep-05 the estimated available is 163.1 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 09/12/05	118,240	53,812
AM 09/01/05	118,073	52,120
CHG	167	1,692
PCT CHG	0	3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/12/05	09/05/05	09/13/04	09/12/05	09/05/05	09/13/04
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	4,931	5,009	20,796	4,217	4,284	5,387
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	96	77	357	2,084	2,041	3,616

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE 76-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	82-84

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 09/13/05

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	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	.65	.36	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.25	3.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	6.00	7.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.20	1.15	ROOSTERS ea.	2.25	2.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.00	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.60	1.25	1.00	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	49						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 9, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	67.84	144.16	97.52	21.20	12.72	69.96
High	72.08	148.40	106.00	25.44	16.96	69.96
Mostly	72.08	144.16	97.52	21.20	12.72	69.96

**SAN JUAN**

Low	63.60	139.92	89.04	16.96	12.72	67.84
High	69.96	148.40	97.52	21.20	16.96	67.84
Mostly	67.84	139.92	93.28	16.96	12.72	67.84

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	67.84	144.16	84.80	16.96	12.72	66.14
High	72.08	148.40	97.52	21.20	16.96	66.14
Mostly	72.08	144.16	93.28	16.96	16.96	66.14

**BECERRA**

Low	65.72	148.40	101.76	21.20	12.72	72.08
High	75.05	156.88	110.24	25.44	21.20	72.08
Mostly	72.08	148.40	106.00	21.20	16.96	72.08

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate and was usually keeping offerings in a workable or good balance position. Live supplies were moderate; weights were still irregular and in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 74 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to well cleared. Wings were in the best position and reported as short of needs. Dark meat items were balanced to spot available. B/S breast were slightly more available, but generally steady. Giblets were well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	67-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

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